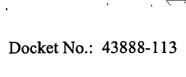
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Kunihiro UKAI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3890

Serial No.: 09/914,376 : Group Art Unit: 1745

Allowed: June 16, 2004

Filed: August 28, 2001 : Examiner: T. H. Parsons

For: POWER GENERATION DEVICE AND OPERATION METHOD

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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART

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Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated June 16, 2004.

In reviewing the file, it is noted that we have not received acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement and cited art filed April 11, 2003. Enclosed are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and stamped return postcard acknowledgement.

Applicants hereby respectfully request that:

(1) the appropriately acknowledged PTO-1449 be furnished to Applicants; and

(2) the record be clarified to confirm that the cited art has been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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